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Sir:

A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time through and including May 12, 2000 accompanies
this Amendment.

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 1999, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 28 (twice amended):

A method of using a target binding assembly (TBA) [or a booster binding assembly (BBA)]
comprising at least one nucleic acid recognition unit, and optionally one or all of the sequences
selected from the group consisting of a linker sequence, an assembly sequence, an asymmetry